

Narrative

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office
Investigation Narrative

Date, Time, Reporting Officer: 08/25/2025, at 11:00 am Brian M. Baird

Description of the Incident: On the above time and date, Mr. John Robinson, Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety requested investigative assistance due to an incident that occurred on 08/20/2025, when a Beaufort County Council Member brought a cellular telephone into the Beaufort County Detention Center, without prior approval, and took photographs of himself and an Inmate inside the facility.

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Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Supplemental Narrative

Investigator's Actions:

On 09/05/25 at approximately 1122 hours, I met with Evidence Technician Sgt. Lavan at the Special Operations building, D.E.U. Office, in reference to conducting an extraction on property #372711 (iPhone 12) and property #372714

(iPhone 16 Pro). The devices were subsequently signed over to me from Sgt. Lavan. I was provided with a signed copy of the search warrant for the devices, and I reviewed the search warrant and ensured it described the same device that I had been provided.

I provided Capt. Baird with a USB drive that contained the work product (Cellebrite Reader Report) from both device extractions.

On 09/10/25 at approximately 1230 hours, I submitted the devices into a temporary evidence storage locker at the Special Operations Building.

Items Submitted into Evidence:

- 1) (Item #372711) - iPhone 12
- 2) (Item #372714) - iPhone 16 Pro
- 3) (Item #373460) - Digital upload from both devices containing RAW data, examination photos, and Reader Report.

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Completed by MSgt. Murphy, W.P.
09/10/25 at 1532 hours

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On August 25, 2025, I met with Mr. John Robinson, Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety regarding a County Councilman conducting an unauthorized visit to the Beaufort County Detention Center, BCDC. The councilman then used his position as a Council Member to visit in person with an Inmate. He provided me with a letter requesting investigative assistance from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, BCSO, after Mr. Thomas Reitz, Beaufort County Council District 11, went to the Beaufort County Detention Center, BCDC, and requested to meet with Colonel Quandara Grant, BCDC Director. Mr. Reitz then requested to conduct a visit with Mr. Calvin "Skip" Hoagland, an Inmate in the

MacReitz presented a Beaufort County Council Member business card as his form of identification and was wearing a Beaufort County Council logo shirt. He was allowed to meet in person with the Inmate and was unsupervised during this visit. Mr. Reitz brought two cellular telephones into the restricted area of the facility and took photographs of the Inmate and "selfie" styled photographs with the Inmate. Mr. Reitz walked past numerous signs identifying cellular telephones as contraband and not being allowed inside the facility. Mr. Robinson further stated Mr. Reitz took part in a tour of BCDC on April 7, 2025, during which all Council Members were informed they had to empty their pockets and leave everything including cellphones in Col. Grant's office as they are not allowed in the facility. Mr. Robinson provided DVDs of videos from BCDC, Statements from various BCDC personnel, and other documents as attached.

Attachments

1. Letter from Mr. John Robinson
2. Notice for County Council Tour of BCDC on April 7, 2025
3. Video review timeline
4. Statement of Col. Quandara Grant
5. Statement of Major Latasha Robinson
6. Statement of Correction's Specialist Naheem Decosta
7. Photograph of the main lobby with two signs clearly stating cell phones are prohibited
8. Statement of Kimberly Brown
9. Statement of Catrina Wilson
10. Statement of Corporal Nimmons
11. Statement of Corporal Menier
12. BCDC Policy for Visitation
13. Mr. Naheem Decosta's Pre-Service Training file

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On August 27, 2025, I applied for and received a State of South Carolina Search Warrants. The search warrant was to obtain all recorded calls and contacts by Inmate Calvin "Skip" Hoagland, while he was incarcerated at the Beaufort County Detention Center (BCDC). I served the warrant on Major Latasha Robinson, BCDC. Lieutenant Eddie Aiken, BCDC, provided me with a DVD containing all calls placed by Inmate Hoagland. The DVD was entered into the BCSO Evidence System. w@nrAn August 29, 2025, I completed the Return portion of the search

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On August 26, 2025, I interviewed Correction's Specialist Naheem Decosta at the Beaufort BCSO Office. The interview was video and audio recorded. He related while he was working the front door reception area, Mr. Reitz entered and asked to speak with Col. Grant. He said Col. Grant was on a conference call, so he asked Mr. Reitz to have a seat. Mr. Reitz then asked to visit with Inmate Hoagland. Decosta said he asked Mr. Reitz if it was a legal visit twice and each time Mr. Reitz said yes. He even asked Mr. Reitz if he had ever conducted a legal visit before and Mr. Reitz said no. He asked for Mr. Reitz's identification and Mr. Reitz provided a business card identifying him as a Beaufort County Council Member. After logging Mr. Reitz and notifying Central Command of the visitation Decosta picked up a metal detecting wand and exited the reception area. He said he took Mr. Reitz's backpack from him and placed it in the reception area as it was too large to fit in a locker. He then followed Mr. Reitz through the metal detector and he said the metal detector alerted, but added that it "always does". Decosta claimed he wanded the front of Mr. Reitz and the back of Mr. Reitz without the wand alerting to anything. He then allowed Mr. Reitz to proceed to Central Control to gain access to the controlled and restricted portion of the facility. I asked Decosta why he allowed Mr. Reitz to conduct a legal visit when he is not a lawyer and he said there are other employees of Beaufort County, that are not lawyers who are allowed to conduct in person visitation, such as drug and alcohol. He said he did not know who Mr. Reitz was, but did know he was a Beaufort County official. I asked Decosta about the cell phone that was clearly visible sticking out of Mr. Reitz's back left pants pocket and he claimed he never saw it.

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On 08/2/2025, I reviewed a DVD containing the video coverage of Mr. Thomas Reitz' visit with Inmate Calvin Hoagland. Date: 08/20/2025 11:07 Councilmen Thomas Reitz enters the lobby of the Beaufort County Detention Center and speaks with Correction's Specialist Naheem Decosta. He is wearing a shirt with the Beaufort County Counsel Logo and he has his Beaufort County Council Members Identification Card on a lanyard around his neck. He is also wearing a back pack that has the Beaufort County Logo on it. While speaking with Decosta he takes a cell phone out of his front left pocket, looks at it and then places it back in his front left pocket. There is also a lanyard coming out of his front left pocket and hanging down near his left knee. He also takes a cell phone out of his back left pocket, looks at it and places it back into his back left pocket.

During this time Councilman Reitz is standing directly in front of a sign the reads, "NOTICE CELLULAR PHONES PROHIBITED". There is a second sign directly to Councilman Reitz's right, as he is facing the window, stating, "NO CELL PHONES BEYOND THE FIRST SECURITY DOOR". Councilman Reitz retrieves his wallet from his back right pants pocket, removes a business card and hands it to Decosta, who eventually returns it to Councilman Reitz. Councilman Reitz then removes his backpack, retrieves a eye glass case from it, takes out a pair of eye glasses and hangs them from the neckline of his shirt then places a different pair of eye glasses in the case, returns the case to the backpack and places the back pack onto his back. Eventually Decosta comes out of the reception area and takes the backpack from Councilman Reitz, places it into the Reception area and follows Councilman Reitz through the metal detector. One of Councilman Reitz's cell phones is clearly visible sticking out of his back left pocket as he walks in front of Decosta. Though the Reception area windows, you can see the back of Councilman Reitz with his arms extended outward while Decosta appears to be using a metal detecting wand on the front side of Councilman Reitz, who then turns and walks towards the door that accesses the inner portion of the detention center, there is no video covering this area. It should also be noted the video of the lobby area of the detention center does not contain audio. 11:09 Inmate Hoagland is observed on the telephones in the booking area of the

detention center. A Corrections Office tells Inmate Hoagland he has a legal visit. Inmate Hoagland returns to his cell, IH1 and retrieves some papers, then begins to walk towards the Interview Rooms.

---- Councilman Reitz is seen walking towards the Interview Rooms, with his cell phone still clearly visible protruding from his back left pants pocket. He stops at the Central Control window and hands a key through the slot. He then continues to the Interview Rooms, where he meets with Inmate Hoagland and Corporal (Cpl.), Kiarra Nimmons. He shows Cpl. Nimmons his Beaufort County Council identification card hanging from the lanyard around his neck and she walks away.

11:20 Inmate Hoagland and Councilman Reitz walk to Inmate Hoagland's cell unescorted and they both enter the cell. Councilman Reitz retrieves one of his cell phones and begins to take pictures and then takes a "selfie" styled picture with Inmate Hoagland in the cell. A Corrections Officer then tells Councilman Reitz to come out of the cell and that he is not allowed to go into the cell. Councilman Reitz puts his phone back in his pocket at that time.

11:21 Corrections Officers are seen talking and Cpl. Nimmons is observed on the telephone calling someone.

11:21 Councilman Reitz and Inmate Hoagland walk back to the Interview Rooms unescorted, enter a room and close the door. They remain inside the room for approximately 20 minutes.

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11:37 Col. Quandara Grant, BCDC Director and Mr. John Robinson, Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety meet and begin talking in the lobby area of BCDC. 11:41 Councilman Reitz returns to the lobby area and Inmate Hoagland returns to the booking area. 11:42 Councilman Reitz talks with Mr. Robinson and Col. Grant briefly, then Mr. Robinson and Councilman Reitz exit the facility.

NOTE: In reviewing the paperwork previously provided by Mr. John Robinson, it was listed that cellphones are considered contraband and not allowed into the facility. Councilman Reitz was clearly in possession of two cellphones and even took photographs in front of the Corrections Officers. It is also reported therein that an Inmate should be searched whenever they return to the "unit" from a visit. Inmate Hoagland was not searched after his in person visit with Councilman Reitz.

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Interviews with BCDC Personnel:

A video and audio recorded interview was conducted with Major Latasha Robinson, BCDC. She stated she did not have any actual contact with Mr. Reitz. She said she received a telephone call from the Booking Desk stating there was a County Councilman taking pictures in IH1, Inmate Hoagland's cell. The Corrections Officers seemed to think Col Grant authorized this, so she immediately went to speak with Col. Grant, who was on a conference call with Mr. John Robinson. She said Col Grant said she did not authorize the Councilman to conduct a visit or take pictures. Major Robinson said she asked Mr. John Robinson to come to the facility to deal with the Councilman.

During a follow up interview With Major Robinson I asked her how medications can be provided by family members for inmates in the facility. She said during in processing the nurses ask inmates about any medical issues and medications they are prescribed. She said if a family members provided prescribed medications, a nurse must take direct possession of it from the family member and verify the medications with the facially doctors. She stated no corrections officers are involved in this process as it is considered a medical issue.

A video and audio recorded Interview was conducted with Corporal (Cpl), Kiarra Nimmons, BCDC. She said the front reception desk called Booking to report a legal visit for Inmate Hoagland. She said she met with a County Councilman at the legal visitation area and Inmate Hoagland asked her to have Col Grant come to meet with them. She said she called for Col Grant, but there was no answer so she called Mrs. Brown and asked her to ask if Col Grant was coming to meet with the Councilman and Inmate Hoagland. She said Mrs. Brown told her Col Grant was not coming back there and that she would meet with the Councilman after he completed his visit with the Inmate. Cpl. Nimmons said the Councilman and Inmate Hoagland then walked to Inmate Hoagland cell and went inside. She said the Councilman then asked about taking pictures of the shower area and where the inmates eat. She said she then notified Major Robinson of the request. She said she never saw the Councilman take any pictures while she was on the telephone to Major Robinson.

During a follow up interview with Cpl Nimmons said she did not receive any medications from Councilman Reitz for Inmate Hoagland.

A video and audio recorded interview was conducted with Mrs. Kimberly Brown

BCDC. She said she received a call from Cpl. Nimmons asking if Col Grant was coming to a meeting with Inmate Hoagland and a Beaufort County Councilman in the legal visitation area. She said she asked Col Grant and was told she would not be attending any meeting. She said she never met with or saw the Councilman in person during this visit and did not receive any medications from the Councilman for Inmate Hoagland.

A video and audio recorded interview was conducted with Cpl Catrina Wilson, BCDC. She said she was not involved and had no actual knowledge of this incident. She said she did not receive any medications from the Councilman for Inmate Hoagland.

A video and audio recorded interview was conducted with Cpl Christopher

Teasdell, BCDC. He said he was working as a Transport Officer and while walking through the Booking Desk area, he observed a Beaufort County Councilman walk into an Inmates cell and start to take pictures. He said he told the councilman to come out of the cell and that he was not allowed to go inside a cell. He said he did not have any further involvement in this matter. He also said he

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never received any medications from the councilman for Inmate Hoagland.

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On August 27, 2025, I met with Ms. Sarah Brock at her office and conducted an interview with her. She provided me with a typed statement about a telephone call she received from Councilman Thomas Reitz. She said she received a telephone call on her county phone at approximately 6:46 am, from Mr. Reitz and he was asking about a couple projects he was working on. She thought it was odd that he would call her so early in the morning, when she was still at home. During the call she said Mr. Reitz told her he was in trouble for going to the detention center and asked if she knew anything about that. She said she had not heard anything since he mentioned going to see "Skip" at the detention center on the day he went there. He told her he did not know why he would be in trouble and she asked him what he had done. He told her he met with Skip in a small room at the jail. She asked him if he advised the County Administrator before going to the jail and he said he did not. She said she reminded him that under the Council-Administrator form of government the Council must go through the Administrator rather than directly to staff. She said Mr. Reitz said he tried to contact Col Grant but she was unavailable. She said Council Member Reitz then said Skip is in poor health and not doing well. He said Skip's wife asked him to deliver medication to Skip, so that was one of the reasons for the visit was to deliver medication to Skip and that he did deliver it to him. She said he did not provide any further details and ended the call.

Attachment

1. Copy of Ms. Brock's typed signed statement.

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Review of Recorded Jail Calls by Calvin Skip Hoagland 25S094133

Refer to actual recording to hear all comments, these are highlights only.

Calls to Catherine Hoagland (Wife)

84056720 Tells her he needs his pain medication, Oxycodone as the jail will not let him have any. He also asks for blood pressure and heartburn medications. He wants Pamela Evette, the South Carolina Lieutenant Governor, to give him a pardon. Tells her to tell Tom (Reitz), to come see me tomorrow so he can see what they are doing to me.

84057922 Wife tells him she is getting him an Ankle Bracelet (Monitor), so he can get let out of jail faster, they are unsure what time Tom (Reitz), is coming by to visit him. He tells her to tell his lawyer about the ankle monitor.

84058852 After Tom Reitz' in-person visit with him, he tells his wife he still needs his heart burn and Metamucil medicine, no mention of pain meds.

84056796 During this call Mrs. Hoagland expresses how frustrating all of this is for her and she becomes upset due to Mr. Hoagland's actions.

84056836 While he is asking her to find him more telephone numbers, she asks him about his phone, she says she can't access his phone and he does not give her the access code. She becomes frustrated and upset again with him.

84058958 He mentions to her that he is getting more attention than most inmates.

84059022 He tells her they are talking about closing and locking his cell door now, tells her to tell Tom (Reitz), they are locking him in his cell.

84059730 He tells her to tell Tom (Reitz), he will be his biggest donor. She tells him he has to stop doing all this stuff and getting arrested.

84060264 Talk about trying to get him his eye drops, she is working on getting them and Prilosec note from the doctors.

84059022 Tells her he is in more isolation now, says he received a note from Col. Grant saying it is a conflict of interest for Tom Reitz to meet with me. She tells him that Nancy Mace may come see you tomorrow. He says they need to threaten Henley to drop the charges or they will be removed.

84062492 Tells her to text everyone, Tom, Tom David, Nancy Mace everyone, to have them tell Henley to drop these charges he is not doing well and may not make it until Monday.

84062734 He reads the note from Col. Grant to her.

84062802 Tell Maegan to tell Nancy Mace she is running against Alan Wilson she is running against him and he has all the dirt on him.

84063380 Talking about Maher, they won't do anything for her until she gets something done. If she does, then he will give her a check for \$10,000.00.

84063592 He told her they accidentally let him out of his cell and when he came out Colonel Grant and Brian Hulbert were standing around the corner talking. Both looked shocked to see him out of his cell and they made him go back into his cell quickly. He says he told Tom (Reitz), and now they will be financing Tom's (Reitz), reelection campaign. She tells him Lori Martel is coming to see you tomorrow.

Calls to Councilman Thomas Reitz

84056786 Tells him he was entrapped by Tanner, Wilson the Judge and others. He says he will donate to his campaign to get you covered. Tell him he needs his medication and they won't give him any. Tom says he will talk with Cathy (Hoagland), about that.

84063266 Talks about speaking with Nancy Mace. Says Pam Evette is out to get Alan Wilson, who is collaborating with Tanner and others. He tells Reitz about the note he received saying it was a conflict of interest for Reitz to

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visit him. He then tells Reitz we will take care of your next campaign, you don't have to worry about anything. Reitz says you don't have to do that. 84063750 Tells Reitz about seeing Col. Grant and Brian Holbert talking outside his cell when he was accidentally let out of his cell. He again says he is going to finance his next campaign for him. Reitz says I think they are coming after me for coming to see you.

Call to Lynn Greeley

84058542 She tell him she sent the video of the meeting to Tom Reitz and talked to him about it. She says maybe he can show it to you. She tells him the video shows him telling Henley he is not trespassing then changes to you said I am a guest of Lynn Greeley. She says the only other thing she can hear him say is to the police I am not trespassing. She then states unfortunately you can't hear what else you say. He then asks so I didn't say I am not leaving, but she doesn't answer.

Call to Lee Grande

84058714 Tells her he can't survive 5 more days in there. Tom (Reitz), just left, I showed him my cell, he took pictures and said he could not believe

What is ~~going on~~ Henley who have him drop this, he is calling 5 or 6 other council members to get this stopped. She said he wants some quotes from Tom that she can use in a story. She says P. J. Tanner is part of the problem, if not the problem. She then says Cathy couldn't bring you any of your medicine because it wasn't sealed, right? She claims Tanner testified that they were looking out for Hoagland to show up. He showed Tom his cell and he took pictures while saying he wouldn't even put his dog in there. She talks about getting Senator Tom Fernandez involved in this case. She then said she had it out with Tanner.

Call to Nancy (Unknown last name).

84056766 Tells Nancy it was entrapment. Says Tanner, Wilson, Henley, Lee all involved. She says it's Marxism and unreal. He tells her he needs his pain medicine, but they won't give him any.

Call to unknown Male

84056984 He asks the male to call several people to find Jimmy Haskins number so he can have Jimmy go by and give Katina some money because he doesn't want her to suffer. The man says he will get it. He says he is worried because he is not calling her and he just disappeared, he doesn't want to hurt her. He provides him with (803) 571-0005 and (803) 284-1352.

84060282 He ask him to call Jimmy Haskins to get him Katina's telephone number.

84060958 He asks if he got Katina's number from Jimmy and the man says yes, then provides (803) 571-1940. Hoagland says he thought it was an (803) 224 something and asks if that was the only number Jimmy gave him.

Call to Jimmy Haskins

84057164 While speaking with him he asked him to deliver \$500.00 to Katina and he will repay Jimmy \$600.00. He says Katina must be worried about him. He asks Jimmy to get Katina's phone number for him.

84057490 Calls him asking again for Katina's numbers, he tells her the numbers he had aren't working for her. They talk about Haskins going by Katina's house to get her numbers.

84057672 Calls Haskins asks if he is at Katina's yet, tells him again to get her numbers so he can call direct.

Calls to Katina Rose Beasley

84057710 She answers by saying Hey Skip, he replies how about it, she replies Hi Baby, I've been worried about you. She asks him what is he in jail

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for and he says it was a political set up. He tells her to give Jimmy both her telephone numbers and then says wait I'm going to try to get a pen, she then says I love you so much and something else that is unintelligible. The call ends before he comes back on the call. 84057976 Ms. Beasley answers by saying Hi Baby, she says she wants to go to the Mayo Clinic with him and he says you can't because Cathy is going with

him. He says Jimmy can give you money if you need any. She asks what she can do to help and he tells her to lay low, he doesn't want this to get out to the public up there. The call ends with Ms. Beasley saying I love you and Hoagland replies I love you too.

84062438 Call to Ms. Beasley talking about how bad it is in there, but he is due to get released at 5:30 am Monday and he will get here some money. The Call ends with him saying I love you and her saying I love you too.

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On September 3, 2025, I met with Councilman Thomas Reitz at the Hilton Head BCSO Office. He Reitz had Councilwoman Pamela Brown with him and asked to have her present as his witness to our interview. This interview was video and audio recorded. I escorted both of them to the Interview room and obtained some biographical information from Mr. Reitz. I then provided him with a BCSO Miranda Rights form and read portions of the advisement to him. He initially said he understood his rights and initialed next to each of them. He then asked where do I put down that I want a lawyer. He said he felt like he should speak with a lawyer, I told him that was right and that if he decided to speak with me later with or without his attorney I would make myself available. He then initialed that he did not want to speak with me.

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1. BCSO Miranda Warning Form

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On August 29, 2025, I applied for and received a State of South Carolina Search Warrant for the medical records of Inmate Calvin "Skip" Hoagland from the Beaufort County Detention Center. I served the warrant on Lt. J. Padgett, BCDC, who provided me with a packet of [REDACTED] of medical related papers.

Attachment

1. [REDACTED] pages of medical related papers for Calvin Hoagland.

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On August 29, 2025, I applied for and received a State of South Carolina Search Warrant to seize Mr. Thomas Reitz' two cellular telephones that he is known to have taken into the Beaufort County Detention Center and used at least one of them. On September 4, 2025, I served the warrant on Mr. Reitz and recovered two (2) iPhones in black cases from him. They were both entered into the BCSO Evidence System. On September 5, 2025, I completed the return portion of the search warrant.

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On September 4, 2025, MSgt. Doug Seifert and I met with Mr. Thomas Reitz on Hilton Head Island. I served the search warrant to seize two cell phones on Mr. Reitz. He initially handed me his county issued cell phone and when I asked him if he had his other cell phone with him he said yes, then reached under the front seat of his jeep. He told me it was his personal phone and that I wasn't taking it. I advised him I was taking it and he asked why. I told him I did not know what phone he used inside the jail and he said it was his work phone. I told him I would have both phones examined to ensure that was correct. I seized both cell phones and subsequently entered them into the BCSO Evidence System. I submitted a forensic examination request to the BCSO Device Extraction Unit to have both of Mr. Reitz' cell phones examined.

On September 11, 2025, I completed the return portion of the search warrant after receiving the forensic examination of the devices.

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During my conversations with Mr. Hoagland he has claimed that he has to take a "low dose OxyContin" daily for the pain in his knees. Based on the fact that Mr. Hoagland has not received any OxyContin and has not legally obtained any other narcotic pain medication since April 6, 2025, it is unknown where or how he may be obtaining the medication he claims to be taking.

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On September 5, 2025, I conducted a video and audio recorded interview of Mr. Calvin "Skip" Hoagland at the BCSO Hilton Head Island Offices. I collected some biographical information from him and then advised him of his Miranda Rights with a BCSO Miranda Warning Form. Mr. Hoagland said he understood his rights and was willing to speak with me; however, he was not willing to sign or initial the warning form. Mr. Hoagland reiterated many of his long standing beliefs about corruption and fraud within local governments, non-profits and government. He claimed to be working with high level Internal Revenue Service (IRS), personnel in Washington DC and that he has attended meetings at President Donald Trump's Mar a Lago, Florida, property. He expressed his desire to have BCSO contact the local FBI and IRS on his behalf and have them contact him so he could provide this information to him. I was eventually able to speak with him regarding this investigation. Mr. Hoagland complained about many issues that are related to operations of jail to include that he is pending double knee replacement surgery and has to take a low dose OcyContin medication for the pain daily; however, the jail refused to allow him to take any manner of narcotic pain medication. When I asked him about Mr. Thomas Reitz bringing medication to him at the detention center he adamantly denied receiving any medication and said that Mr. Reitz told people Mrs. Hoagland asked him to bring him some medication that the jail would not give him and he did bring it to him in the jail during his visit. Mr. Hoagland continued to deny it, saying he would not have accepted it because he could be charged with a crime and kept in jail. When I asked Mr. Hoagland about his comments to Mr. Reitz about giving him money if he would come to see him in the jail he said he is allowed to donate money to good people and he believes Tom is a good man and an honest man. He claimed he has donated to his campaign in the past and will continue to do so. I asked him what caused him to change his offer to Mr. Reitz, he originally said he planned to donate to his campaign; however, after Mr. Reitz visited him in the jail, he said he planned to finance his entire next campaign. Mr. Hoagland never offered an explanation other than to claim Tom is a good man and was trying to help him. When I spoke with him about MR. Reitz bringing two cell phones into the detention center he said the officers allowed him to do that so it was the officer's fault not Tom's fault. Mr. Hoagland gave me five (5) sheets of paper that he said shows all the issues within the detention center.

Attachments

1. BCSO Miranda Warning Form for Mr. Hoagland
2. Five (5) Pages of hand written notes

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On September 11, 2025, I received the attached documents from the Bluffton Municipal Court regarding Mr. Hoagland's original sentence and his early release. ~~From the attached documents~~ shows on August 19, 2025, Bluffton Municipal Judge Clifford Bush, III, signed a City of Bluffton In the Summary Court Commitment Order convicting Mr. Hoagland of "Trespassing / Entering premises after warning or refusing to leave on request" and sentencing him to jail for 15 days. The second document is a notice of appeal filed by Taylor M. Smith, IV, who is Mr. Hoagland's retained lawyer. The third document is a "County of Beaufort In the Municipal Court Discharge" ordering the detention center to release Mr. Hoagland on August 22, 2025, signed by Judge Richard Brooks. The fourth document is a "Detention Center Time Computation" for Mr. Hoagland.

I spoke with Judge Brooks to inquire as to why Mr. Hoagland was released early from his sentence and showed him the document he signed. Judge Brooks said he was merely the On Call Judge that day and was asked to sign the form. He said he did not know why Mr. Hoagland was being released early.

I spoke with Ms. Stephanie Garst, the person who prepared the release Judge Brook signed and she said she was contacted by the Bluffton Municipal Court and asked to have a Judge sign the release because the Bluffton Municipal judges do not work on Fridays, so they use the Beaufort Magistrates when a signature is needed. She did not know why Mr. Hoagland was being released early.

I spoke with Ms. Lisa Cunningham, the Bluffton Municipal Court of Clerk and she said it was Judge Clifford Bush's decision to release Mr. Hoagland early and she did not ask why he was being released early.

I requested to speak with Judge Bush about the early release and was advised by Ms. Diane Cripps, Court Assistant that Judge Bush was refusing to speak to any specifics about this case due to an appeal being filed on the case.

Attachments

1. City of Bluffton Commitment
2. Notice of Appeal
3. County of Beaufort Discharge
4. detention Center Time Computation

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On September 8, 2025, I filed for and received a State of South Carolina Search Warrant to obtain all videos of the Beaufort County Detention Center (BCDC), IH1 Cell camera during the time Mr. Hoagland was an inmate and housed in the cell. I served the warrant on Col Grant at the detention center.

I received DVDs said to contain the requested video from Major Latasha Robinson, BCDC and on September 12, 2025, I completed the return portion of the warrant. When I attempted to review the provided DVDs, it was discovered they were blank

and I was unable to view anything. due to having already completed the return portion of the search warrant a new search warrant would be required to request the same video files.

On September 15, 2025, I applied for and received a second search warrant requesting the same video files of the IH1 video camera. I served the search warrant on Col Grant at BCDC. I received two (2) DVDs said to contain all requested video files. On September 16, 2025, I completed the return portion of the warrant.

When I reviewed the provided video it did contain some of the requested video files; however, they only provided the video from the time of Mr. Hoagland's arrest until midnight on August 20, 2025. Due to having already submitted the return portion of the warrant, yet another search warrant would be required to obtain the remainder of the originally requested video files.

On September 19, 2025, I applied for and received a third search warrant for the remainder of the originally requested video files. I served the warrant on Major Robinson at BCDC. She provided me with two DVDs said to contain the remainder of the originally requested video files. On September 22, 2025, I completed the return portion of the warrant.

In reviewing the provided video files, which contain everything Mr. Hoagland does while inside the IH1 Cell, I was attempting to locate any video evidence to prove or disprove Mr. Reitz' claim that he provided medicine to Mr. Hoagland while he was incarcerated at the detention center. Immediately after Mr. Reitz' visit with Mr. Hoagland, Mr. Hoagland enters his cell, puts down some papers and takes a drink of water before exiting the cell. A couple minutes later Mr. Hoagland re-enters the cell takes another drink of water and appears to be swishing the water around in his mouth or some similar action. He then looks down onto the floor as though he dropped something, but doesn't pick anything up. There was no video footage found of Mr. Hoagland being in possession of or swallowing a pill in the reviewed video, other than pills provided by the nurse.

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1. Search Warrant dated September 8, 2025
2. Search Warrant dated September 15, 2025
3. Search Warrant dated September 19, 2025

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On September 11, 2025, Mr. Michael Moore, Beaufort County Administrator, provided the attached documents relating to prior training session and clear communications with Mr. Reitz about contact with Beaufort County Employees. On January 8, 2025, Mr. Reitz attended a County Council Workshop where in a presentation was made by Mr. John Deloache The Senior Staff Attorney for the South Carolina Association of Counties. The presentation defined Beaufort County as a Council - Administrator form of government and clearly defined the duties of each. It specifically addressed Section 4-9-660 Authority of council and its members over county officers and employees. Stating "Except for the purposes of inquiries and investigations, the council shall deal with county officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the county administrator solely through the administrator, and neither the council nor its members shall give orders or instructions to any such officers or employee." Mr. Moore added that on August 14, 2025, he had to remind Mr. Reitz as to Beaufort County operating under this form of government due to Mr. Reitz operating and directing things that were either out of his purview or not allowed under this form of government.

Attachments

1. County Council Workshop Documents
2. E mail from Mr. Michael Moore.

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On September 20, 2025, I received the attached document that is purported to have been posted to a Social Media account for Councilman Thomas Reitz. The document is listed as # 3 and dated Sept. 2025, titled Continuing forward together. It is believed this is a post by Mr. Reitz, claiming the past ten days have been some of the hardest his family and he have faced. He claims he feels he has been unable to serve the people of Beaufort County. He directs people to contact him via his county e-mail if they need to reach him. He reports that on August 20th he visited an inmate at the detention center over concerns for his health. He said this visit was requested by the inmates family. He states he entered the detention center through the front door and visited with the inmate for about 45 minutes. He says upon exiting the visit he encountered Col Grant the Director of the detention center and Mr. John Robinson the Assistant County Administrator for Public Safety. regarding the inmate's health.

He said they spoke briefly about his visit and his concerns

He then states on September 4th, he met with myself and I seized both his work and personal cell phones from him. He claims he totally cooperated and even provided the access codes for the phones. He states as of this post his phones have not been returned to him, so his communication with family, media and constituents has been extremely difficult. He claimed this also stopped him from accessing E-Mails since that time. He closes with he will share more on this matter later. It should be noted that Mr. Reitz was provided with a replacement county cell phone soon after his work cell phone was seized. The cell phones were seized due to his refusal to speak with me and seek legal counsel when interviewed prior to September 4, 2025, which is his right to do. Once a person invokes their right to remain silent and seek legal counsel, it precludes officers from asking further questions and thus no other option existed but to seize the cell phones he illegally brought into the detention center during his visit to take "selfie" styled pictures with the inmate so these pictures could be recovered and documented properly. It also allowed BCSO to determine if Mr. Reitz allowed the inmate to use his cell phone while inside the facility. At no time did anything BCSO do effect Mr. Reitz ability to access his county mail via any

computer or other device. Additionally Mr. Reitz has never asked to have his cell phones returned to him or contacted BCSO about his cell phones. Mr. Reitz used his position as a County Councilman to have an in person visit with this inmate, something that is restricted to lawyers, law enforcement and certain types of mental health counselors. This was evidenced by him wearing a shirt with the Beaufort County Council Logo and presenting his Beaufort County council Member business card as his form of ID. He accessed the area with two cell phones in his pockets walking past numerous signs stating cell phones are not allowed and considered contraband.

Attachment

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On September 8, 2025, I conducted a video and audio recorded interview with Mrs. Catherine Hoagland at the BCSO Hilton Head Island Offices with MSgt. Doug Seifert, BCSO Assisting. Mrs. Hoagland initially spoke about an attempted scam that is documented in BCSO Case # 25S091158, wherein she was contacted by a person claiming to represent an "Ankle Monitoring" Company who would provide an Ankle Monitor for her husband that would allow him to be released early from jail for an \$1,800.00 fee. Mrs. Hoagland paid the fee and soon after realized it was a scam, notified her bank and the bank was able to cancel the transaction and recover her funds for her. I then spoke to her about the issues with her husband, Mr. Calvin "Skip" Hoagland in the Beaufort County Detention Center.

She said her biggest issue was the fact he was not receiving his medications that he needed. She said the day he was taken to jail (August 19, 2025), she brought a plastic bag containing some of his medications in pill bottles to the jail and gave them to Tom (Councilman Thomas Reitz), came by the house and picked up the medicine for Skip.

I was later contacted by Mr. Hoagland who claimed his wife is suffering from a neurological condition that causes her to forget things and that after he spoke with her about this matter, she now recalled she did not give Mr. Reitz any medications and she needed to meet with me again to change her statement.

On September 9, 2025, I conducted a follow-up video and audio recorded interview with Mrs. Hoagland at the BCSO Hilton Head Island Office. She said after speaking with her husband she now recalls that she did not give any medications to him. I read what Mr. Reitz has been telling other people to her and she then said she did not recall giving him any of Skip's medications.

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On September 9, 2025, I spoke with [REDACTED], Nurse Practitioner for the Beaufort County Detention Center. She stated [REDACTED] did bring a bag of assorted medications, provided by Inmate Hoagland's family, to the Nursing Station for the Staff Doctor to review. [REDACTED] was unsure what medications were in the bag. She said the process is inmate's family may bring in various prescription medications that the inmate takes. The staff Doctor will review them and if approved, the nurses will use medications from their stock, not the actual medication the family provides, and administer the medication to the inmate. She said the medications the family provided are returned to the inmate upon their release.

I asked her if Nurse [REDACTED] was still employed and she said no, she moved to another state to seek other employment. She provided me with a telephone number that may still belong to Nurse [REDACTED]

I left a voicemail message on the number that may belong to Nurse [REDACTED] however, I have never received a call back.

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On September 12, 2025, I spoke with Mr. Alexander Hall, Attorney at Law, who related he will be representing Mr. Reitz for at least the preliminary portions of this investigation. We spoke about Mr. Reitz bringing the cell phone into the jail. I mentioned Mr. Reitz also telling people he brought some medicine to Skip in the jail at Mrs. Hoagland's request. Mr. Alexander said he was not aware of this and he would have to speak with Mr. Reitz about that. I advised him the quickest way to resolve this matter would be for Mr. Reitz to take a polygraph examination if he is telling the truth.

Subsequently Mr. Hall contacted me and said he spoke with Mr. Reitz and he said Mr. Reitz said he never let Skip use his cell phone in the jail, he denied ever bring or give Skip any medication and never received any medication from Cathy. He said all he agreed to do was to talk with people at the jail about getting Skip his medicine. He said after discussing this matter with him he advised him not to take a polygraph examination. He said Mr. Reitz would be willing to speak with me with Mr. Hall present. We scheduled the interview for 1:30 pm, September 25, 2025.

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On September 12, 2025, I conducted a telephonic interview with Mr. Calvin "Skip" Hoagland that was recorded. During the conversation I spoke with him about Tom (Mr. Reitz), refusing to speak with me so I was looking for another way to clear him of any suspicion of wrongdoing. I advised Mr. Hoagland if Tom Reitz refused to take a polygraph to clear his name, then Mr. Hoagland could take a polygraph to prove Tom did not bring him any medication in the jail. He initially said "I have no problem with that". He said he believed it was already proven that Tom did not bring him any eye drops or Prilosec and I agreed with him. I told him the question is did Tom bring him some other type of pain medicine and after discussing this Mr. Hoagland then said no, he would not take a polygraph about that, claiming he just doesn't trust the system. He also said it should be up to Tom to do that. The recording of this call will be submitted with other recorded calls to the BCSO Evidence System.

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On September 15, 2025, I conducted a video and audio recorded interview with Mr. Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator for Infrastructure at the BCSO Beaufort Office. He related on August 20, 2025, right after a Beaufort County Council Committee Meeting he met with Councilman Thomas Reitz, Taylor Brewer and County Administrator Michael Moore. Mr. Fralix said Mr. Reitz told them about going to the jail to visit "Skip" (Mr. Hoagland), and that "Cathy", Skip's wife asked him to bring Skip his meds because he needed them and did not have them in the jail. Mr. Fralix said Councilman Reitz was complaining about the conditions in the jail and he commented to him you don't want it to be so nice they want to come back there. Mr. Fralix said this happened in the 2nd floor conference room of the Authur Horne Building.

I checked the video systems for the Authur Horne Building and discovered the 2nd floor conference room does not contain any video or audio recording devices.

On September 16, 2025, I conducted a video and audio recorded interview with Ms. Taylor Brewer, Beaufort County storm Water Manager, at the BCSO Beaufort Office. She related she recalled meeting with Councilman Reitz, Administrator Moore and Mr. Fralix after a committee meeting presentations for the meeting as Councilman Reitz was telling Mr. Moore and Mr. Fralix about visiting a constituent in the jail. She said she knew Councilman Reitz said something about speaking with the inmate's wife and the inmate not

having the medications he needed. She was unsure what exactly Councilman Reitz said regarding bringing medications to the inmate as she was more focused on preparing for her part of the presentation. She said Councilman Reitz said he did receive phone calls from the inmate before visiting him in jail and that he planned to speak with the County Council about conditions in the jail. She said she wished she paid closer attention to what he was saying.

On September 16, 2025, I conducted a video and audio recorded interview with Mr. Michael Moore, Beaufort County Administrator at the Beaufort BCSO Office. He said he recalled meeting with Ms. Brewer, Jared Fralix and Tom Reitz. He said Tom was proud of the fact he went to visit to see Mr. Hoagland in jail and talked about the conditions in the jail. He said he recalls Tom saying something about Hoagland's wife claiming Hoagland wasn't getting his medicine he needed, but was unsure of the exact details. I advised him Mr. Fralix was extremely clear about what was said and he only said OK. He said he could not recall any details as to exactly what Tom said about the medicine.

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On September 15, 2025, I conducted a video and audio recorded interview with Major Latasha Robinson, BCDC, at the Beaufort BCSO Office. She said she was never told by anyone that Councilman Reitz was coming to the detention center prior to his arrival. She said the first time she knew the Councilman was there was when she received a call from the Booking desk that he was in the back with Inmate Hoagland and wanting to take pictures of the area. she said she immediately informed Col. Grant about this situation.

On September 15, 2025, I conducted a video and audio recorded interview with Col. Quandara Grant, Director of the Beaufort County Detention Center. She said Councilman Reitz never contacted her about coming to the detention center. She said Inmate Hoagland mentioned Mr. Reitz was coming, but she had no idea if he would come or not. She said the Councilman did not make an appointment or contact her prior to his arrival at the facility on August 20, 2025.

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On September 25, 2025, I conducted a video and audio recorded interview with Councilman Thomas Reitz at the Beaufort BCSO Office, in the presence of his retained criminal defense attorney Mr. Alexander Hall of Charleston, SC. Prior to asking Mr. Reitz any questions I advised him of his Miranda Rights with the attached Miranda Form that he signed and waived his rights, agreeing to speak with me. Mr. Reitz said he has known Mr. "Skip" Hoagland for 5 or 6 years, they are friends, but he doesn't see him often, mostly at political events. He said he doesn't communicate often with Skip, but said Skip does send a lot of emails. He said he has been to Skip's home in the past, but nothing recent.

When asked why he went to the detention center on August 20, 2025, he said it was to see Skip and check on his wellbeing after "Cathy", Skip's wife contacted him and expressed concern that Skip may not survive his incarceration. He said he was only going there as a private citizen to check on a friend. When asked why he wore his Beaufort County Council Member shirt, had his Beaufort County Council Member ID hanging from a lanyard around his neck, and was carrying a backpack with the Beaufort County Council logo on it, he said he was on his way to a committee meeting after his visit to see Skip, so that is why he was wearing that. I asked him about the identification he provided to the security officer at the jail and reminded him it was his Beaufort County Council Member

business card. Mr. Reitz said he did not ask for my driver's license. I reminded him he asked for his ID and again Mr. Reitz said he never asked for my license. I asked him if he had ever visited anyone else in jail and he said no. I asked him if Skip is a constituent of his and he said he has 185,000 to 190,000 constituents in Beaufort County, but agreed Skip doesn't reside in his District. I asked him if Skip had donated to his campaign fund in the past and he said yes, I asked him if it was normal, in local politics, for someone outside his District to donate and he said yes, he even has people from New York who donate to his campaign.

I asked Mr. Reitz if he went to the jail to see Mr. Hoagland or to see Col..... Grant and he said he went to see Skip, but did ask to speak with Col..... Grant out of respect and courtesy to say hi and let her know he was visiting an inmate. I asked if he scheduled this visit with anyone and he said no. I asked him if he signed up to visit Skip and he said no. I asked him about Ms. Maegan Fitzpatrick communicating with him the previous night and telling him what he had to do to register to visit Skip, even sending him the link to sign up for the visit. He said he did see that and may have even read it, but he said he decided to do all that in person when he went to the jail the next day.

I reminded Mr. Reitz that he attended training in the past and even been warned recently about contacting Department Heads without going through the County Administrator as this was a violation of the Beaufort County Form of Government, so contacting Col..... Grant without prior approval would be inappropriate and he said he was not doing anything official and only saying hello out of respect for her. I asked him if he was aware of any investigation or inquiry by the council that may have justified his direct contact with Col..... Grant, he said no and said he only wanted to show his respect by saying hello while he was there.

I asked him to tell me what happened when he arrived at that jail and he said he walked in the front door, spoke with the man at the window and told him he was there to see Skip Hoagland, the man took his backpack and allowed him to go back to see Skip. He said he did ask to see Col..... Grant but she was busy at that

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time. He said he walked back and visited with Skip. I asked him about the Security Officer asking him if he was doing a legal visit twice and him answering yes both times. He said he may not have understood what a legal visit was to them. I informed him only Lawyers, Law Enforcement Officers and a very few other individuals are allowed in person visits with inmates and that it appears he was allowed an in person visit because he was a Beaufort County Council Member. I informed him he should never have been allowed this in person visit, but due to him wearing the Beaufort County Council Shirt and presenting his business card it appears the Security Officer misunderstood the nature and purpose of his visit. I asked him what happened when he walked through the metal detector and he said there were no metal detectors there. I informed him he did walk through one and he said he did not see one. I then reminded him he walked past numerous signs about contraband and cell phones not being allowed inside the facility or past a certain area and he said he never saw any of those signs and him in the video of him at the front window he looks directly at one of these signs and again he claimed he ever saw it. I asked him if he felt being a Councilman gave him rights or privileges that others do not have and he said no.

I then asked him about attending a tour of the jail in April 2025 with other County Council Members and he said he did go on that tour to see some renovations to parts of the facility. I asked him what he had to do before he entered the secured area of the facility and when he failed to answer I reminded he had to go into Col..... Grant's office and do something with his personal effects including phones, keys and wallets. He said yes, they had to leave all of those things on a table inside her office. I reminded him this was only a few months ago and he knew then cell phones were not allowed into the jail, so why did he feel it was ok to take his cell phones into the jail this time. Mr. Reitz only said no one told him he couldn't take it. At this time Mr. Hall interjected and said there appears to be a lot of policy and practice problems for the jail, but he did not believe those were issues for his client. I agreed there are numerous violations by jail personnel and those are being addressed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections and Beaufort County as the sheriff's Office doesn't manage the jail in Beaufort County. I asked Mr. Reitz what was the purpose of taking his cell phones into the jail and he did not offer any viable reason.

I asked him what he did with his cell phones once inside the jail and he said he took a picture of Skip having difficulty walking with his walker. When prompted further he admitted he took five pictures including one of he and Skip inside Skip's cell, this type picture is commonly referred to as a "selfie". I asked him what he did with the pictures and he said he sent one to his wife and told her they needed to pray for Skip as he was suffering. He said he wanted to find a way to have Skip released due to his condition and suffering physically.

I asked Mr. Reitz about Skip complaining of pain prior to his visit and that he was not receiving his medications and Mr. Reitz said that was one of the reasons for the visit was to find out how to get him his medications. He said he spoke with Cathy about this before his visit. I asked him if he met with Cathy before his visit and he said he did not. I reminded him he has told four different people that he went to the jail to bring Skip his medicine that Cathy provided and he denied ever saying that, he claimed he told people that he was going to the jail to find out how to get Skip his medicine and these people may have misunderstood what he actually said. He said he never received any medicine from Cathy and never brought or gave any medicine to Skip in the jail.

I reminded Mr. Reitz about his recorded telephone calls with Skip from the jail and specifically about Skip telling him before his visit that he would donate to

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Mr. Reitz' campaign if he visited him. Then after the visit Skip told him he was going to be one of his biggest donors and later that he would finance Mr. Reitz' entire next campaign. I asked Mr. Reitz what he did during the visit that caused Skip to offer doing this and he said he could not answer for what Skip was thinking. Mr. Reitz said he told Skip he did not have to do that referring to offering the campaign contributions.

I asked Mr. Reitz, beside the group of people, who I would refer to as Hoagland Supporters, in the emails, if he spoke with anyone else about trying to get Skip out of jail and he said he spoke with Congresswoman Nancy Mace and she told him not to worry that she was taking care of having Sip released from jail. I asked him if he spoke with Judge Bush, Mr. Henley or the Solicitor and he said no. I asked him why he was trying so hard to get him out of jail and he said he was suffering and his wife was very concerned. I asked him what was different this time as Skip has been arrested before and he said he was contacted by Cathy this time.

I asked Mr. Reitz about some of the emails and messages that have been recovered from the forensic examination of his cell phones. One in specific was concerning due to the current waive of political violence in this country. I showed him a thread of messages between he and Ms. Lee Grande, a known critic of Sheriff P. J. Tanner, BCSO and law enforcement. I pointed to an exchange between the two on August 15, 2025, and to a small thumbnail picture, I then showed him a blown up copy of the thumbnail picture, which has Sheriff P. J. Tanner

on one side and a bullet next to him, I told him Ms. Grande sent that to him. At this time Mr. Hall stopped Mr. Reitz from answering and said they were not going to talk about this, they were only there to discuss the allegations of him bringing medicine into the jail. Mr. Reitz did not make any comments.

I then showed Mr. Reitz a driver's license photograph of Ms. Katina Rose Beasley of Blackville, Barnwell County, and asked if he knew her. Again Mr. Hall asked if this has anything to do with the medicine issue and I said it may, as she is a known drug abuser and Skip was reaching out to her in jail calls as well as ensuring someone paid her \$500.00 for something while he was incarcerated. Mr. Reitz said he did not know her.

The interview ended with me asking if they had any questions for me and they asked how they can have Mr. Reitz' cell phone returned. I told him I would submit the request to have them returned. Mr. Hall then reiterated a few points, by asking Mr. Reitz if he received any medication from Mrs. Hoagland, if he went to the Hoagland house on the morning of the jail visit and if he gave any medicine to Skip in the jail and Mr. Reitz said he did not.

I then asked Mr. Reitz if he swore that what he told me today was the complete truth and he said yes.

I then informed Mr. Reitz that I had already spoken with his attorney about this matter, but that I needed him to answer if he was willing to take a polygraph to

prove he was telling the truth. Mr. Hall expressed his concern for polygraphs and the way in which polygraph questions are formulated and explained. I informed both that I am a license examiner in South Carolina and an Officer of the State Association of Polygraph Examiners, so I was very familiar with the process. I reminded them that in South Carolina the only way an examination may be entered into court was for the Judge and both Prosecuting and Defense Attorneys to agree to use it. I then advised them the relevant questions in this matter may be as simple as "Did you give Skip any medicine in the jail?"

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and "Did you give skip any medicine in the jail on August 20, 2025?' Mr. Reitz then said he would not take a polygraph examination.

The interview was ended and they were shown out of the building.

Attachments

1. BCSO Miranda Rights Form
2. Four Photographs recovered from Mr. Reitz' cell phone
3. E mail Thread and photograph recovered from Mr. Reitz' cell phone
4. ~~Direct~~ Photo and Criminal History of Ms. Katina Beasley

Prepared by Capt Brian M Baird

Date September 26, 2025

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Supplement

Investigative Case Summary On August 25, 2025, Mr. John Robinson, Assistant Beaufort County Administrator

for Public safety, reported Beaufort County Councilman Thomas Reitz entered the Beaufort County Detention Center (BCDC), wearing a Beaufort County Council shirt, with his Beaufort County Council Identification Card hanging from a lanyard around his neck and carrying a backpack with the Beaufort County Council logo. He initially requested to speak with Colonel (Col.) Quandara Grant; however, she was on a conference call, so he was told to have a seat. Councilman Reitz then requested to conduct a visit with Inmate Calvin "Skip" Hoagland and when asked if this was a "legal visit", more than once, Councilman Reitz replied "yes". When Councilman Reitz was asked for his identification, he presented a Beaufort County Council Member business card. Once logged in, Correction's Specialist Naheem Decosta, took the backpack from Councilman Reitz and escorted him through the metal detector, which did activate, then used a metal detecting wand on Councilman Reitz, and allowed him to proceed to Central Control, who in turn allowed Councilman Reitz into the restricted and controlled area of the facility with direct contact to inmates. Councilman Reitz and Inmate Hoagland met at the "legal visit" in-person interview rooms and spoke briefly. At that time Councilman Reitz showed his County Councilman ID on the lanyard to a Correction's Officer. Councilman Reitz and Inmate Hoagland then walked to Inmate Hoagland's cell, (IHL), where they entered and Councilman Reitz began taking pictures with his cell phone. Mr. Robinson advised cell phones are not allowed in the secured area of the facility and Councilman Reitz passed by numerous signs indicating cell phones were not allowed. A Correction's Officer told Councilman Reitz to come out of the cell and that he was not allowed to go into a cell. Councilman Reitz asked to take pictures of the shower area and area where inmates eat and he was told he could not do that. Based on this information an investigation was initiated.

During the course of this investigation all videos from BCDC pertaining to this incident were obtained and reviewed. The video of the BCDC Lobby area does not contain audio so only the video is reviewable. Councilman Reitz enters the lobby wearing the clothing as previously described. He speaks with Correction's Specialist Decosta at the lobby window. He removes a cell phone from his front left pants pocket, looks at it and returns it to his pocket. He then removes another cell phone from his back left pant's pocket, looks at it and returns it to his pocket. The cell phone in his back pocket is large and is clearly visible protruding from the top of the pocket. All of this is happening in front of Decosta and with two signs clearly visible, one directly in front of Councilman Reitz, which he appears to look down at, stating cell phones are prohibited. Councilman Reitz removes his wallet from his other back pocket and hands what appears to be a business card to Decosta. Eventually Decosta takes Councilman Reitz' backpack and places it in the office, then follows Councilman Reitz through the metal detector. As Decosta follows Councilman Reitz through the metal detector, the cell phone in Councilman Reitz' back pocket is still clearly visible protruding from his pocket. Although there are no cameras that cover the area of the metal detector or area approaching Central Control from the metal detector area, some of what happens in this area is visible through the glass of the lobby desk. Councilman Reitz extends his arms outward to the sides and it appears Decosta uses a metal detecting wand to scan the front of Councilman Reitz. After this, Decosta allows Councilman Reitz to proceed to Central Control, where he is given a key, he unlocks the door, enters the controlled area of the facility, locks the door behind him and returns the key via another window pass through to Central Control. At the same time a Correction's Officer

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informs Inmate Hoagland he has a "legal visit" and escorts him to the in-person interview rooms. Once there, Inmate Hoagland tells the Correction's Officer that Quandara (Col. Grant), is supposed to come conduct a walk through with them. Councilman Reitz shows his County Councilman Identification to the Correction's Officer, who leaves to make a telephone call to Col. Grant. Councilman Reitz and Inmate Hoagland come out of the interview room and walk unescorted to the booking area, and both enter IHL, Inmate Hoagland's holding cell. Councilman Reitz begins taking pictures in the cell with one of his cell phones and even takes a "selfie" styled picture with Inmate Hoagland. A Correction's Officer tells Councilman Reitz to come out of the cell and that he is not allowed to go into cells. Although it was clear Councilman Reitz was in possession of and using his cell phone to take pictures of and with the inmate, none of the Correction's Officers take the cell phone from him. After a couple minutes Councilman Reitz and Inmate Hoagland walk unescorted back to the interview rooms and stay inside there for approximately 20 minutes. While this visit is happening, Col. Grant and Mr. Robinson meet in the lobby of the facility and are clearly talking; however, there is no audio. When Councilman Reitz and Inmate Hoagland exit the interview room, Councilman Reitz returns to Central Control to exit the facility while Inmate Hoagland returns to his cell. Although BCDC Policy states an inmate will be searched after returning to his cell, Inmate Hoagland is not searched or even spoken with about what happened. Once inside his cell, inmate Hoagland puts some papers down and gets a drink of water. He then exits his cell to make a telephone call. Inmate Hoagland quickly returns to his cell, gets another drink of water and appears to be swishing the water around as though he is trying to swallow something. He also looks down onto the floor as if he dropped something. At this same time Councilman Reitz returns to the lobby area, where Col. Grant and Mr. Robinson are waiting for him. They all speak and Mr. Robinson escorts Councilman Reitz out of the facility. This is a brief summation of the review, for additional details please review the videos submitted to evidence.

NOTE : During the review of these video cameras, it became apparent that from the time Inmate Hoagland was incarcerated until the afternoon after Councilman Reitz' visit, Inmate Hoagland's door to his cell was left unlocked the majority of the time and he was allowed to come and go as he pleased to make telephone calls or walk around the area.

Prior to Councilman Reitz' visit Inmate Hoagland complains of pain often and uses his walker to move around the facility. Immediately after Councilman Reitz' visit Inmate Hoagland does not mention pain as frequently and even had to be reminded by a Correction's Officer of his bad knees. He also forgets to use his walker a few times. After Councilman Reitz' visit Inmate Hoagland's cell door was locked more often not allowing him to come out and roam the facility at will. He complained of being claustrophobic and begs to have the door left slightly ajar, while promising not to come out too often. At one point a Correction's Officer gives Inmate Hoagland a newspaper to read in his cell and later several books. When a regular cell becomes available, inmate Hoagland was advised he was being moved and follows the Correction's Officers to the area of the new cell, he quickly returns to his cell and pleads with the officers not to move him to the new cell as he claims it is too far away from everything. The officers end up carrying his property to the new cell. All of these videos were entered into the BCSO Evidence System. This is a brief summation of the review, for additional details please review all the videos submitted to evidence.

All of Inmate Hoagland recorded telephone calls from the jail were obtained and reviewed. Inmate Hoagland places 129 calls, not all of which were answered and some appear to have not gone through as he may have made an error with the phone

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system. He makes numerous calls to various people including Councilman Reitz, Nancy (possibly Congresswoman Nancy Mace), Mr. Jimmy Haskins and a woman named Ms. Katina Beasley. During these calls Inmate Hoagland lies to many of these people, claiming he is locked up in solitary confinement for 23 to 24 hours a days and only allowed out for one hour to stretch and make a few telephone calls. He initially complains to everyone that he is in pain and needs his pain medication (Oxycontin), but they will not allow that medicine into the facility. He claims he may be dying and may not survive his incarceration. He claims everyone lied in court and that he has video that can prove they lied. He tells several people to call Nancy Mace and Lieutenant Governor Pam Evette to get a pardon or to have the charges dropped against him. He claims to have some "dirt" on Attorney General Alan Wilson and offers to give that to Ms. Mace and Ms. Evette if they will help get him released. In calls to his wife he often, asks her to find a telephone numbers for him, she mentions she has his cell phone but doesn't know the pass code and he does not provide it to her, which clearly frustrates her. In the calls with Councilman Reitz, Inmate Hoagland initially tells him to use his position as a County Councilman to come visit him at the jail to conduct an inspection to see how bad things are. Councilman Reitz agrees to come see him and Inmate Hoagland tells him he will make a donation to his campaign, to which Councilman Reitz says he doesn't have to do that. He also tells Councilman Reitz he needs his medicine and Councilman Reitz said he would speak with Cathy (Mrs. Hoagland), about that. After the visit Inmate Hoagland tells Councilman Reitz he is making a big donation to his campaign and again Councilman Reitz says he doesn't have to do that. Eventually after the visit Inmate Hoagland tells Councilman Reitz and others, he plans to finance Councilman Reitz ' entire next campaign. In the calls to Mr. Haskins, Inmate Hoagland tells Haskins to give "Katina" her \$500 .00 and he will repay him \$600.00 when he gets released. He also asks Haskins several times to get "Katina's" telephone number so he can call her as she will be worried about him. Eventually Haskins provided Inmate Hoagland with two telephone numbers for "Katina". A check of these numbers determined one belongs to Ms. Katina Beasley of Blackville, Barnwell County, SC. When Inmate Hoagland calls Ms. Beasley she refers to him as "Baby" and both tell each other they love each other. No explanation of what the \$500.00 payments was for come up in these calls other than Inmate Hoagland asking if she got her money. In calls to Ms. Greeley and Ms. Grande, they speak about a video one of them made and that in the video Hoagland can be heard saying he is not trespassing and that he is a guest at the

event. When heistoldinthevideoyoucan'thearwhatheissayingduring parts of it, Hoagland claims that proves he never said he was not leaving. All recorded calls were entered into the BCSO Repository. This is a brief summation of the review of these calls, for additional details please review all the recorded calls submitted to evidence.

In reviewing BCDC policies and procedures it was very apparent many policies were violated in allowing Councilman Reitz an in-person visit with inmate Hoagland. He should not have been allowed the in-person visit and should have been referred to the same process of registering for a video visit as every other regular citizen would have to do. Further he should have been stopped from bringing two cell phones into the facility by Correction's Specialist Decosta, who claimed he never saw either of the cell phones and that although the metal detector did activate, he claimed the wand device did not activate. Additionally, when Decosta asked if this was a legal visit, the policy states he should have asked for a Bar Card, but he did not and in fact he accepted a paper business card as proof of identity. Once inside the facility Councilman Reitz and Inmate Hoagland were allowed to walk around unescorted and even enter the

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inmate's cell. When Councilman Reitz began taking photographs inside the facility no one seized his cell phone. It appeared that some of the Correction's Officers were of the wrongful belief that Col. Grant had authorized this visit, so they were leery of taking any actions being the visit was from a Beaufort County Councilman. After the in-person visit with Councilman Reitz, no Correction's Officers searched Inmate Hoagland or checked the papers he was carrying. All of these concerns have been expressed to Mr. Scott Bolman, Director of Division of Inspectors and Mr. Rodney Pigford, Chief of Inspectors, division of Jail Inspectors, South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC).

On August 27, 2025, information surfaced that Councilman Reitz was telling people he went to BCDC as a favor to Mrs. Hoagland to bring "Skip" his medicine that the jail would not give him. It was reported councilman Reitz claimed that was all he did and that he may be in trouble for it. Due to this information additional video was obtained of Inmate Hoagland in his IHL cell in an attempt to see if he was in possession of any pills or medicine. It is noted that the only medicine Inmate Hoagland was told he could not have was the narcotic pain medicine Oxycontin. The review of the additional video was inconclusive, and he was never seen with any pills other than what the nurses at the facility provided. This is a summation of the review, please see the entire video for additional details.

I attempted to interview Councilman Reitz; however, he immediately invoked his right to remain silent and seek legal counsel.

I interviewed Mrs. Cathy Hoagland and during the first interview she said that she gave Councilman Reitz some of Skip's medicine to take to the jail. However, she later asked to be re-interviewed and said after speaking with "Skip" she then recalled she did not give Councilman Reitz any medication. This is a brief summation of portions of the interviews, for additional details please review the video of the interviews submitted to evidence.

I seized both of Councilman Reitz cell phones, one issued by Beaufort County and his personal cell phone to have them forensically examined in an attempt to see if either phone was used to make calls while it was inside BCDC, to recover the pictures Councilman Reitz took inside BCDC, determine what if anything Councilman Reitz did with those pictures and to see if Councilman Reitz went to the Hoagland's residence before going to visit Mr. Hoagland in jail.

I interviewed Mr. Hoagland and he adamantly denied ever receiving any medication from Councilman Reitz during the visit with him at BCDC . He said he would never have taken anything like that from him as he could be charged with a crime. He claimed he takes a low does Oxycontin daily due to his pending knee replacement surgery and that being without that medicine left him in extreme pain while in

the jail. When asked about the campaign donations she was offering he claimed he can donate to anyone he wants to and did not offer an explanation of why his offers went from a donation to paying for Councilman Reitz' entire next campaign. Mr. Hoagland makes numerous allegations of crime and corruption throughout Beaufort County during the interview and asked for help contacting local FBI and IRS personnel. He further claims to be in contact with high level IRS personnel in Washington, DC. This is a brief summation of portions of the interview, for additional details please review the video of the interview submitted to evidence.

Additionally during the course of this investigation I was telephonically contacted numerous times by Mr. Hoagland. Whenever possible I would record these contacts. At one point Mr. Hoagland explained that due to people suing

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him constantly he gave all his money to his wife so that no one could get anything from a law suit against him. He also appeared to try to influence my investigation by offering to double my pay if I would leave BCSO and come to work for him. These recording were all entered into the BCSO Evidence System. This is a brief summation of some of the calls, for additional details please review all the recorded calls submitted to evidence.

During the course of this investigation I spoke with Col. Grant several times. She said she was not aware of Councilman Reitz coming to the facility until he arrived there. She said when he arrived she was on a conference call about a change in the medical provider and told Mr. Decosta to tell the Councilman to have a seat and she would meet with him after the call. She said she did not know he was asking to visit in-person with an inmate and if she was told of the request she would have denied it as the Councilman would not meet the requirements for such a visit. She said when she learned the Councilman was in the back of the facility with Inmate Hoagland taking pictures she asked Mr. Robinson to come to the facility. She said she met Mr. Robinson in the lobby and told him she was not going to interfere with a Councilmen doing a visit with an inmate and would wait until he was finished to speak with him. Once Councilman Reitz finished his visit they spoke with him and Mr. Robinson escorted him out of the facility. Col. Grant was clearly influenced by the fact Mr. Reitz is a County Councilman.

On September 15, 2025, Mr. Jared Fralix, Assistant Beaufort County Administrator for Infrastructure, came forward and stated on August 20, 2025, he was attending a meeting with Councilman Reitz, Mr. Michael Moore, Beaufort County Administrator and Ms. Taylor Brewer, Director for Storm Water Management. He related that Councilman Reitz told them Mrs. Hoagland asked him to bring Skip Hoagland his meds as he needed them and he did visit Skip in the jail to give him his meds. This is a brief summation of the interview, for additional details please review the video of the interview submitted to evidence.

I interviewed Ms. Brewer about the meeting with Councilman Reitz and she said she did recall that but that when Councilman Reitz was talking about visiting a constituent in jail, she was mainly focused on her two presentations she was about to deliver and not paying close attention to what the others were saying. She said she knows Councilman Reitz said something about the inmate's wife was saying the inmate needed his medicine and that the inmate called him before he went for the visit. She said she wasn't sure what else Councilman Reitz said about the inmate's medicine. This is a brief summation of the interview, for additional details please review the video of the interview submitted to evidence.

I interviewed Mr. Moore about the meeting with Councilman Reitz and he said he recalled the meeting and that Councilman Reitz seemed rather proud of the fact he visited Mr. Hoagland in jail. He said he recalled Councilman Reitz saying something about Mrs. Hoagland talking about Mr. Hoagland's medicine, but he could not recall exactly what was said. This is a brief summation of the

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interview, for additional details please review the video of the interview submitted to evidence.

Contact with Investigator Hannah McCormick, Barnwell County Sheriff's Office, revealed Ms. Katina Beasley is well known too law enforcement in the area and has charges pending for possession of methamphetamines. Investigator McCormick said Ms. Beasley is known for having older gentlemen at her residence often. I advised her of the \$500.00 payments Mr. Hoagland appears to be making to Ms. Beasley for unknown reasons for criminal intelligence purposes. I will provide the appropriate portions of this investigation to Investigator McCormick for review and action she deems appropriate.

After discovering the additional information regarding Councilman Reitz telling people about bringing medication into the jail, I spoke with Mr. Hoagland again. He claimed his wife delivered that medicine to the nurse. I asked him if he would take a polygraph examination to verify he did not receive any medicine from Councilman Reitz and he agreed to do so. He said there is proof already that the nurse received the eye drops and Prilosec medicine from his wife. I advised him the medicine I was talking about would be pain medication like Oxycontin and Mr. Hoagland then said he would not take a polygraph about that. This is a brief summation of the telephonic contact, for additional details please review the recorded contact submitted to evidence.

Eventually Councilman Reitz agreed to be interviewed in the presence of his retained attorney Alex Hall. Councilman Reitz was advised of and waived his Miranda Rights. He admitted to speaking with Mr. Hoagland while he was incarcerated before and after he visited him. He admitted to speaking with Mrs. Hoagland before and after he visited Mr. Hoagland in jail. He said he went to the jail as a citizen to see a friend, he denied it was anything related to his position as a County Councilman. He said he stopped at the jail on his way to a committee meeting and that was why he was wearing the clothing he was that day. He denied there were any official investigations happening that would justify his visit as a Councilman. When asked about visiting a Department Head, Col. Grant, he said he was only wanting to say hello, nothing official. He said he did not tell any officials about his intent to visit Skip before he went to the detention center. I asked him about his contact with Ms. Fitzpatrick the night before where she explained to him and even sent him a link to register for his visit with Mr. Hoagland, he recalled that and said he read it but decided to do all of that once he arrived at the jail. When asked about bringing his cell phones into the jail, he said no one told him he could not take them into the jail. I reminded him he attended a tour of the jail in April, 2025, and he admitted during that tour they were not allowed to bring cell phones into the jail, but this time no one stopped him. He denied he ever saw any signs that said cell phones were not allowed. He said he took some pictures inside the jail and sent one to his wife. He denied he ever received any medication of any kind from Mrs. Hoagland and he denied he provided any type of medication to Mr. Hoagland in the jail or at any time. He said Mr. Hoagland has donated to his campaign in the past even though he is not a true constituent of his, that he has known him for 5 or 6 years and that he has been to the Hoagland house in the past, but not near the time he visited Skip in jail. He agreed Mr. Hoagland offered to make a campaign donation to him prior to and after his visit, but he said he told him that was not necessary. I asked him what happened during his visit that made Mr. Hoagland change from making a donation to financing his entire campaign and he said to ask Mr. Hoagland that question. I asked him about telling various people he gave Skip his medicine in the jail and he denied ever saying that. He claimed he told people he was going to the jail to find out how to get skip his medicine and he is not responsible for them misunderstanding

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what he said. While discussing the forensic examination of his cell phones I told him there was a message that was concerning and showed him a printout of the message thread to include a blown up picture of a thumb nail picture from the thread. The message thread was between he and Ms. Lee Grande and it included two pictures side by side, one a picture of Sheriff P. J. Tanner and the other a picture of a bullet. Mr. Hall interjected at that time and told Councilman Reitz not to discuss that as they were only there to discuss the allegation he brought medicine into the jail. I then showed him a driver's license photograph of Ms. Katina Beasley and asked if he knew who she was, again Mr. Hall asked if this has anything to do with the medicine and I advised it may as she is a known drug user in Barnwell County and that Mr. Hoagland appears to be making \$500.00 payments to her for something. Councilman Reitz said he doesn't know her. I asked if he had any questions for me and he asked about receiving his cell phones back. I told him I would submit the request to have them returned.

Councilman Reitz swore that everything he told me was true and correct. I then asked him if he would be willing to take a polygraph examination to prove he did not give Mr. Hoagland any medication in the jail and after speaking with his attorney he said he would not take a polygraph examination about that. This is a brief summation of the interview, for additional details please review the video of the interview submitted to evidence.

Summation:

There were numerous violations of policy and procedures at the Beaufort County Detention Center revealed during this investigation that have been turned over to SCDC for review. If the BCDC personnel would have followed their own policies and procedures this entire incident would not have happened.

It appears Mr. Hoagland offered campaign donations to Councilman Reitz in an apparent attempt to influence him to use his position as a Councilman to come visit him in jail. It appears Mr. Hoagland lied to many people regarding the conditions of his confinement within the detention center, claiming to many that he was locked in solitary confinement for 23 hours a day. Many of these people appeared to believe him and they spread the apparent lies to others. Mr. Hoagland told Councilman Reitz he needed his pain medication.

Mrs. Hoagland initially stated she gave Councilman Reitz medication for Mr. Hoagland; however, she later recanted and denied giving him any medications.

It appears Councilman Reitz used his position as a Beaufort County Councilman to gain an in-person visit with Mr. Hoagland in the detention center. He willfully brought two cell phones into the facility violating the contraband policy and took photographs including a "selfie" with Mr. Hoagland in his cell. It was reported Councilman Reitz told others that he brought Mr. Hoagland his medicine as a favor to Mrs. Hoagland, although he claims they misunderstood what he said. Both Mr. Hoagland and Councilman Reitz refused to take a polygraph examinations with BCSO regarding bringing pain medication into the jail.

The review of BCDC Videos show Councilman Reitz was in possession of two cell phones when he walked past signs clearly stating cell phones were prohibited. Correction's Officers saw or should have seen him with cell phones and failed to take them from him or stop him from entering the facility with them. The videos do not show Inmate Hoagland in possession of any unauthorized medications. The videos do show that Inmate Hoagland was allowed to walk around the facility at will do to his cell door being left open or unlocked and that he was able to make 129 calls during his short time of incarceration. This is a summation of a few of the videos, please review all videos submitted to evidence for additional

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details.

There is insufficient evidence for a criminal charge at this time. Policy violations by BCDC Staff were uncovered. Possible ethics violations appear to have been committed by Councilman Reitz and will be turned over to the State Ethics Commission for their review.

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Name Involvements:

Suspect : 76498

Last: HOAGLAND

First: CALVIN

Mid: CORAL

Race: W

Sex: M

Suspect : 371984

Last: REITZ

First: THOMAS

Mid: WILLIAM

Race: W

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